

C. F. CHILDS DIES

Well Known Grant Township Farmer
And Business Man Passes
Away.

IDENTIFIED WITH GRINNELL
OVER FOUR DECADES

Was Active in Church and Sunday
School Work for Fifty
Years.

Tuesday morning at 1:00 o'clock there passed away at his home on High street a man who has been actively identified with Grinnell since 1876. C. F. Childs was born at LaFayette, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1838, and had he lived but a few days longer he would have been 81 years of age. He was educated in the country schools and at Oberlin College.

Mr. Childs' early life was spent on his father's farm. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Mary Chapin, a sister of H. T. Chapin, now of Grinnell. They moved to Benzonia, Mich., influenced by the belief that a college was to be established there, and they wanted to be near an educational center. In the fall of 1866 they moved to Durant, Iowa, and in the spring of 1876 they decided to make Grinnell their home, influenced by the fact that it offered unusual educational facilities.

In 1882 the family moved to Grinnell and here he has lived ever since.

To Mr. and Mrs. Childs were born five children, the wife and four children preceding him to the spirit land. One daughter, Ella, survives him.

In October, 1903, Mr. Childs was united in marriage with Susan White, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. H. White, father of the bride. Through the years of their married life they have lived happily and she has especially during the past years of his physical weakness done her full part to relieve the tedium of his suffering and pain.

Mr. Childs has been a useful and active citizen. He has served at some time in his life as superintendent of a Sunday school, as leader of a church choir, and as leader of Sunday school singing.

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Mr. Childs has been active in church work. He was deacon of the Congregational church here twenty years and was treasurer of the church fourteen years.

Aside from his farming activities he has been identified with the banking life of Grinnell, and has served successively as a director of the First National Bank, the Grinnell Savings Bank and the Merchants National bank.

Mr. Childs was a man of absolute integrity, of high ideals and an earnest Christian. He was an educational leader and the best of his life was given to promote church and educational work.

After moving to Grinnell he conducted a real estate and insurance business until his age made it best to discontinue it. He has suffered several strokes of apoplexy and, since January 20, 1917, he has been almost helpless. During these years he has been faithfully attended by his kind and loving wife.

The funeral occurred at the home yesterday conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Cross. Misses Almy, Warner and Simmons sang "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul". Bearers were John Goodfellow, H. W. Somers, S. J. Pooley, C. A. Miller, E. C. Bliss and W. G. Ray.

At the grave a few words were spoken by Mr. Cross, and the trio sang "The Christian's Good Night."

Present to attend the funeral from away were Geo. D. White of Minneapolis, nephew of Mrs. Childs; Mr. W. H. Childs, brother of the deceased, of Coal Harbor, N. D.; Mrs. Peter Miller, sister of Mr. Childs and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller of Mitchellville; and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilbert; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson of Marshalltown.